

The FCC is not doing it's job of protecting the public interest in the realm of broadcasting. The public airwaves are being used to promote specific ideologies under the guise of unbiased "journalism".

The FCC needs to do more to make sure that we are getting the option of seeing all of the different sides of issues that are important to our country. If station owners are not up to this task then we must pull their broadcasting licenses and grant licenses to those who will serve the public interest fairly.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.